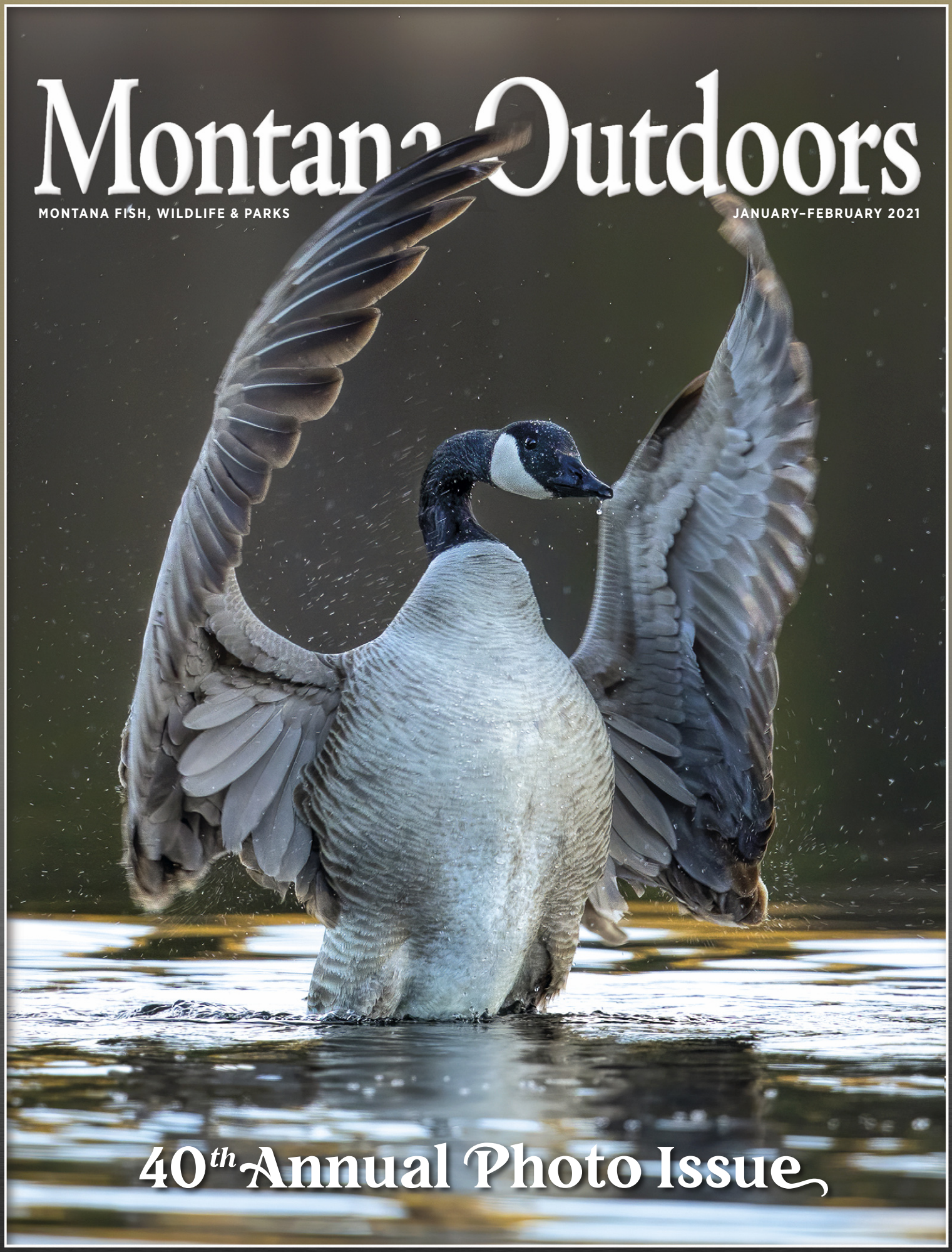
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## Enter the *Montana Outdoors* Favorite Photo Contest

Last year we offered readers a chance to win a 16 x 20 print of their favorite image from the 2020 photo issue. We asked you to pick your single favorite photo from that issue and then drew from the submissions to select three lucky winners. The contest was so popular that we're doing it again this year.

### RULES

- To enter the 2021 Favorite Photo Contest, email us at montanaoutdoors@mt.gov or send a letter or postcard (Montana Outdoors, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701) stating your single favorite photo from this issue.
- Include the page number from this year's photo issue, a description of the image, the photographer's name, and your mailing address.
- Only one entry per person.
- Email entries must be received by January 31, 2021 (mailed entries must be postmarked by this date).
- The drawing will be held the first week of February.
- We will draw the names of three winners. Each will win a pre-mounted 16 x 20 print of their favorite photo from this issue.
- Winners' names will be posted on the *Montana Outdoors* website and Facebook page, and in the March-April 2021 issue.

Good luck!

*—Tom Dickson, Editor*

**BRETT SWAIN**
*Cover:* Canada goose, Lincoln County

**BILL KINNEY**
*Above:* Bull elk

**LAURA VERHAEGHE**
*Right:* Male dusky grouse

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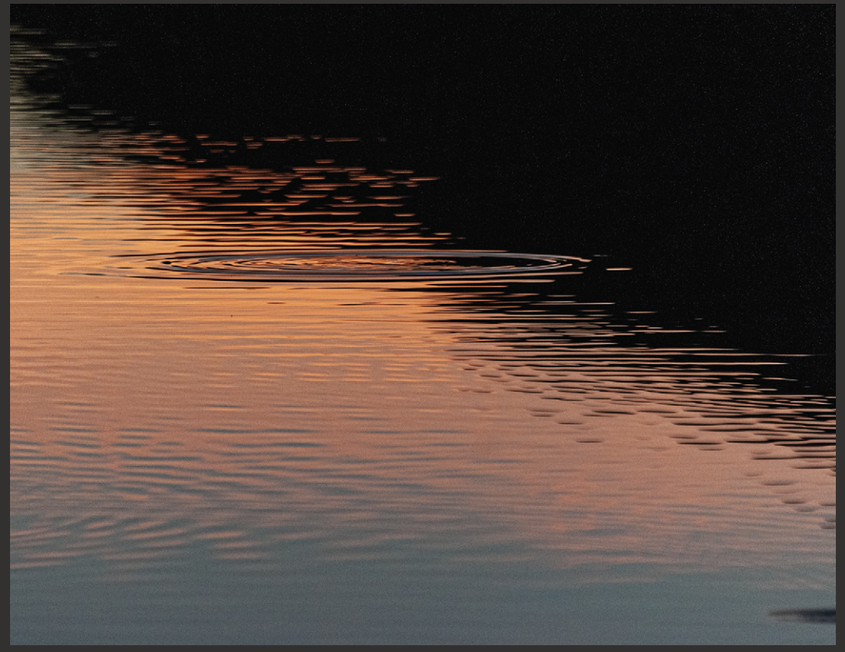


**JAY L. CROSS**
*Top:* Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge, north of Charlo

**LINNET LONG**
*Above:* Trout riseform at the FWP Blacktail Meadows Kids Fishing Pond in Dillon

**JOHN JURACEK**
*Above:* Grasses and fallen aspen leaves, West Yellowstone

**BOB ZELLAR**
*Above:* Drake mallard landing on Lake Josephine at Riverfront Park, Billings

**MARK MILLER**
*Opposite page:* Devil's Slide geological formation, northwest of Gardiner along U.S. Highway 89

**SHAWN T. STEWART**
*Top:* Pronghorn bucks among lichen-covered rocks and sagebrush

**PATRICIA HEISER**
*Above left:* Dried bentonite clay (gumbo)

**STACY THORNBRUGH**
*Above right:* Western fence lizard, Sanders County

*Clockwise from top left:*

**ROBERT HANSON**
Young Columbian ground squirrels

**ERIK PETERSEN**
Black bear cub

**ADDIE LOHMAN**
Twin moose calves,
Bob Marshall Wilderness

**SHANNA MAE SWANSON**
Fox kits, Madison Valley

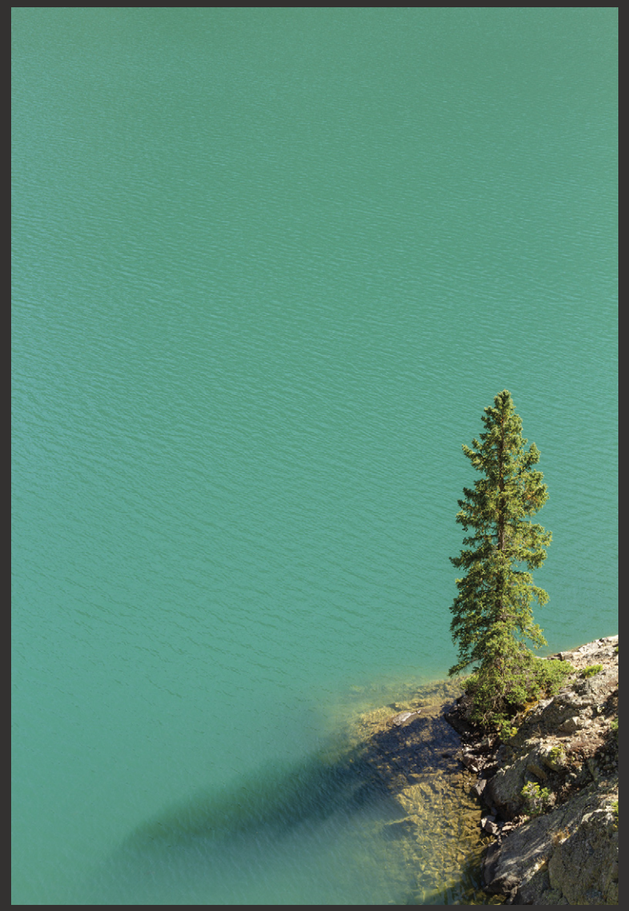
*Clockwise from above left:*

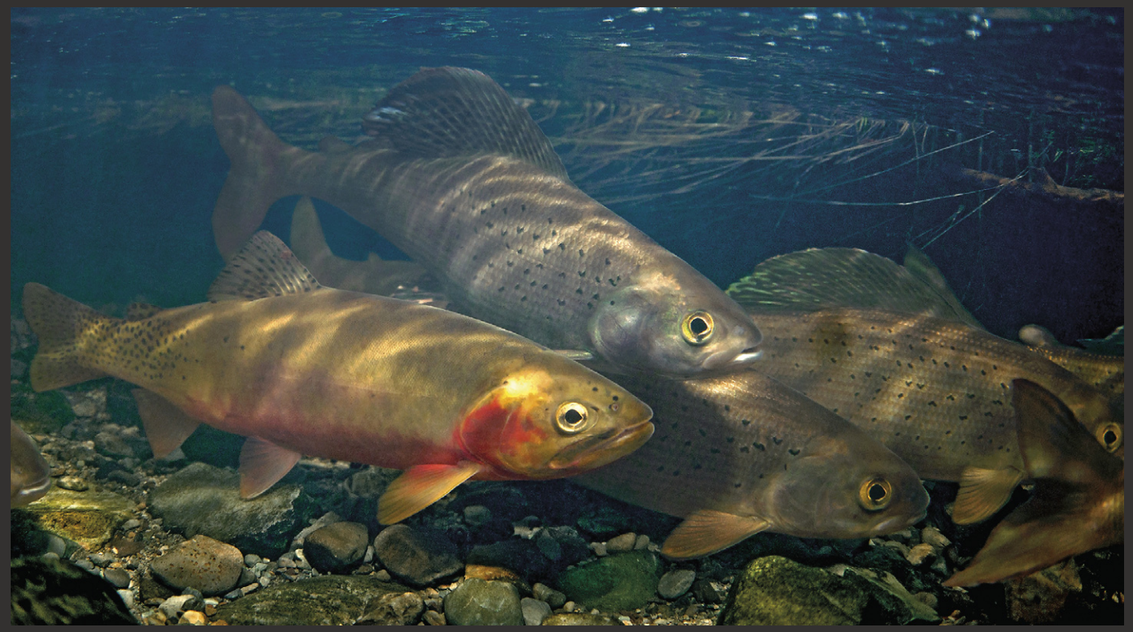
**CRAIG MOORE**
Tranquil Basin, Middle Fork Canyon of the Great Bear Wilderness

**STEVEN G. GNAM**
Sunlight breaking through the waves of Flathead Lake

**PATRICK CLAYTON**
Westslope cutthroat trout and Arctic grayling

**DAN OLDENBURG**
Rainbow Lake, southwest of Alpine, Beartooth Range





**JEFF MOORE**
*Opposite page:* Bull elk, near Gardiner

**ALLEN RUSSELL**
*Above:* Bull elk in cattails, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge

**JERRY TAYLOR**
*Below:* Bull elk in battle, Slippery Ann Elk Viewing Area, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge

**CHUCK HANEY**
*Above:* Lost Johnny Creek, Flathead National Forest

**JESS McGLOTHLIN**
*Right:* Indian paintbrush and lupine, Quake Lake

**CONSTANCE PUTTKEMERY**
*Below:* Clark's nutcracker

**ANTHONY PAVKOVICH**
*Bottom:* American marten

**JESSE LEE VARNADO**
*Top:* Female rufous hummingbird in nest

**TANNER SAUL**
*Above:* Wolf

*Clockwise from top left:*

**KATE DAVIS**
Osprey hovering

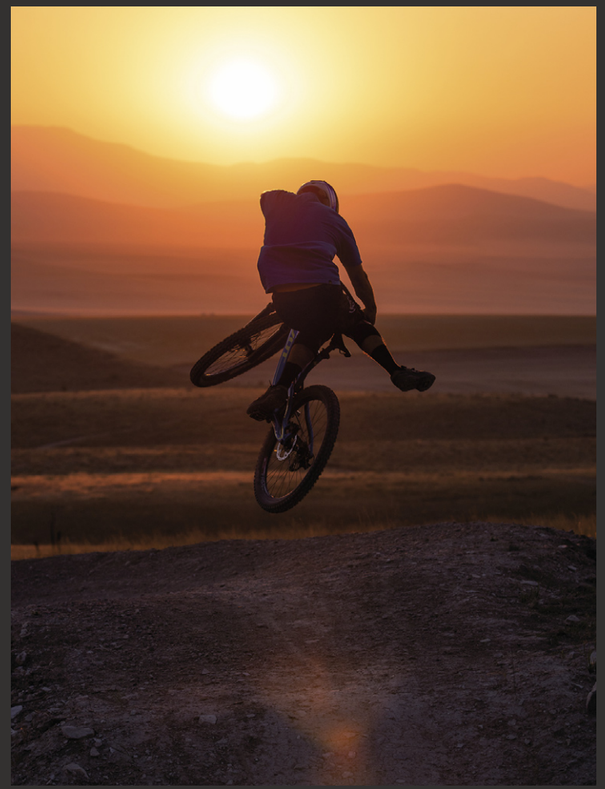
**ASHLEIGH MAGILL**
Great gray owl, near Olney

**ROD SCHLECHT**
Forster's tern hovering, Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge

**JOHN CARLSON**
Red-necked phalarope, Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge

**NOPPADOL PAOTHONG**
Male sharp-tailed grouse fighting

**CINDY GOEDDEL**
Male American kestrel feeding a fledgling, Sweet Grass County



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**ERIC HEALY**
Mountain biking
on the Copper City
Bike Trail near Three Forks

**ROLAND TAYLOR**
A hiker gazes over
Sluice Boxes State Park

**WILLIAM D. PHELPS**
Climbing Shoshone Spire,
Blodgett Canyon

**MIKE HINES**
Hikers on a trail in
the Bitterroot Mountains

**AARON THEISEN**
Fishing the Yaak River
at sunrise

**NICHOLAS PARKER**
*Opposite page:* Fall colors on the North Fork of the Flathead River

**SEAN R. HEAVEY**
*Above:* Clouds over a northeastern Montana prairie

**COLTON STIFFLER**
*Left:* Sunset over Lake Plateau, Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness

**STEVEN G. GNAM**
*Opposite page, top:* Bighorn sheep sprinting across a steep slope, western Montana

**JOHN WARNER**
*Opposite page, bottom:* Bighorn sheep striding across the edge of Bighorn Canyon at sunset

**NEAL & MJ MISHLER**
*Right:* Bighorn ram near Missoula

**RANDY SMITH**
*Below left:* Bighorn ewe and ram, western Montana

**STEVE TORNA**
*Bottom:* Bighorn sheep, near Corwin Springs

**DAN NICHOLS**
*Above:* Fall colors on the Dearborn River

**KC GLASTETTER**
*Left:* Aspen leaves on a light table

**KEVIN LEAGUE**
*Opposite page:* Quaking aspen trunks against mountain ash leaves

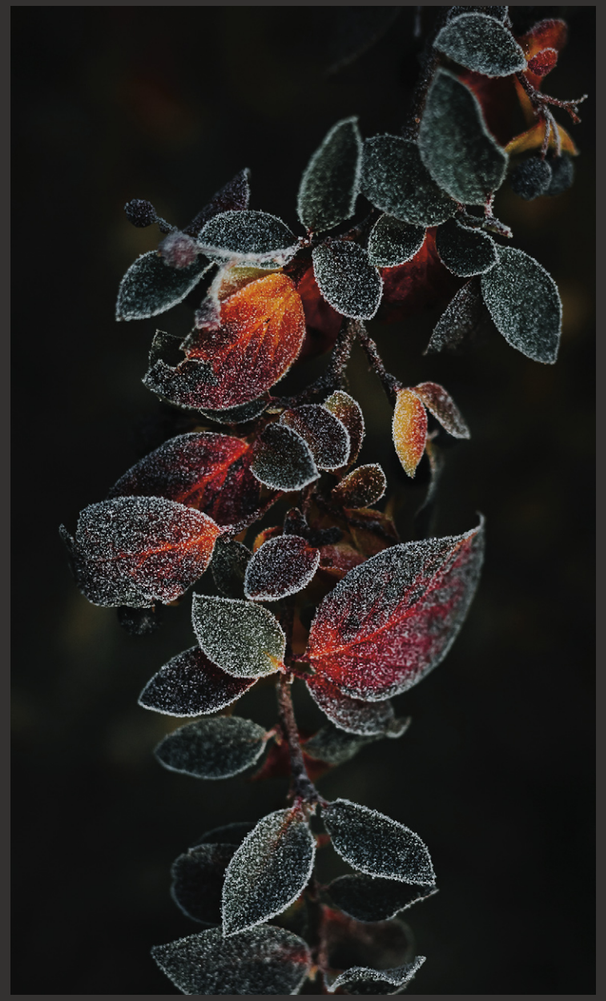
**COLIN RUGGIERO**
Milky Way Galaxy over
Powder River County

**ZACH CLOTHIER**
Great gray owlet dangling
from a mossy branch

**ERIN BRAATEN**
Stellar's jay in snow,
Glacier National Park

**AARON CLAUSEN**
Rain and dew drops
on false Solomon's seal

**JERRIE BULLOCK**
Fireweed in fall, near St. Regis



**JACQUELYN SMITH**
Frosted fall leaves near
East Helena

**JOAN STEWART**
Aphid on a fern fiddlehead,
near Rexford

**SEAN JANSEN**
*Right:* Yellowstone cutthroat trout

**MICHAEL HARING**
*Below:* Westslope cutthroat trout

*Opposite page, top to bottom:*

**JOHN WARNER**
Osprey clutching a trout at Lake Elmo State Park, Billings

**JEREMIE HOLLMAN**
Angler with a brook trout for the creel

**KIMI RANKIN**
Common loon with trout

**PAUL N. QUENEAU**
*Above:* Bull bison kicking up dust to fend off flies, western Montana.

**DONNA RIDGWAY**
*Above:* Whitetail doe in common teasel, National Bison Range

**JOHN WARNER**
*Left:* Young whitetails sparring in a thicket during snowfall

**TRACY ENTERLINE**
*Below left:* Black bears, Bighorn National Recreation Area

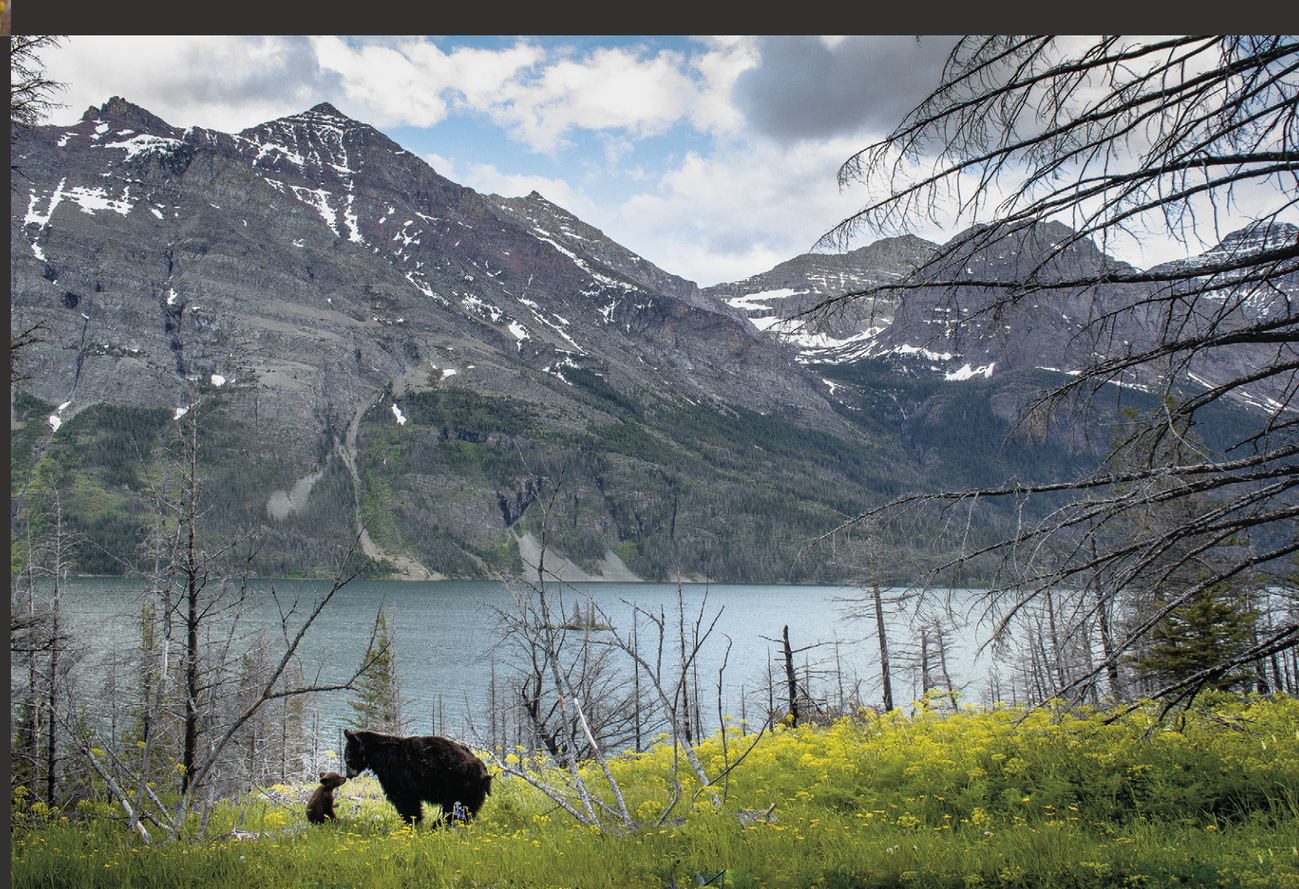
**SETH ANDERSON**
*Bottom:* Black bears, Glacier National Park

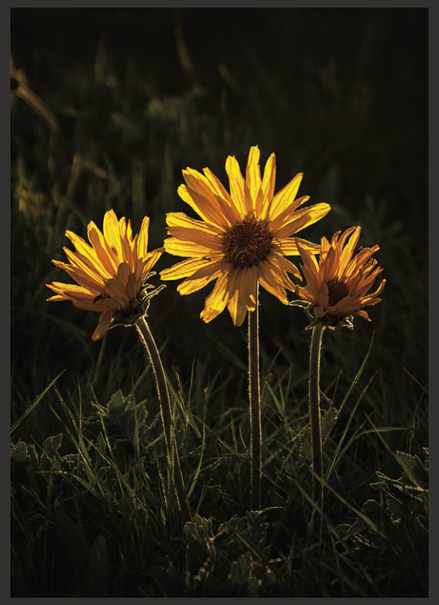
**KARL KRIEGER**
*Below right:* Badgers in their den

**ALEX BADYAEV**
*Top:* Mating pair of grizzly bears, Rocky Mountain Front

**ELIZABETH MOORE**
*Above left:* Yellow-bellied marmots, near Great Falls

**KYLE MARTENS**
*Above right:* Mountain goats, Glacier National Park





**BILL McDAVID**
*Top:* Glaciar lilies and shooting stars, near Wise River

**SHEILA RUBLE**
*Above left:* Arrowleaf balsamroot flowers, West Boulder Valley

**SHAWN T. STEWART**
*Above right:* Arrowleaf balsamroot

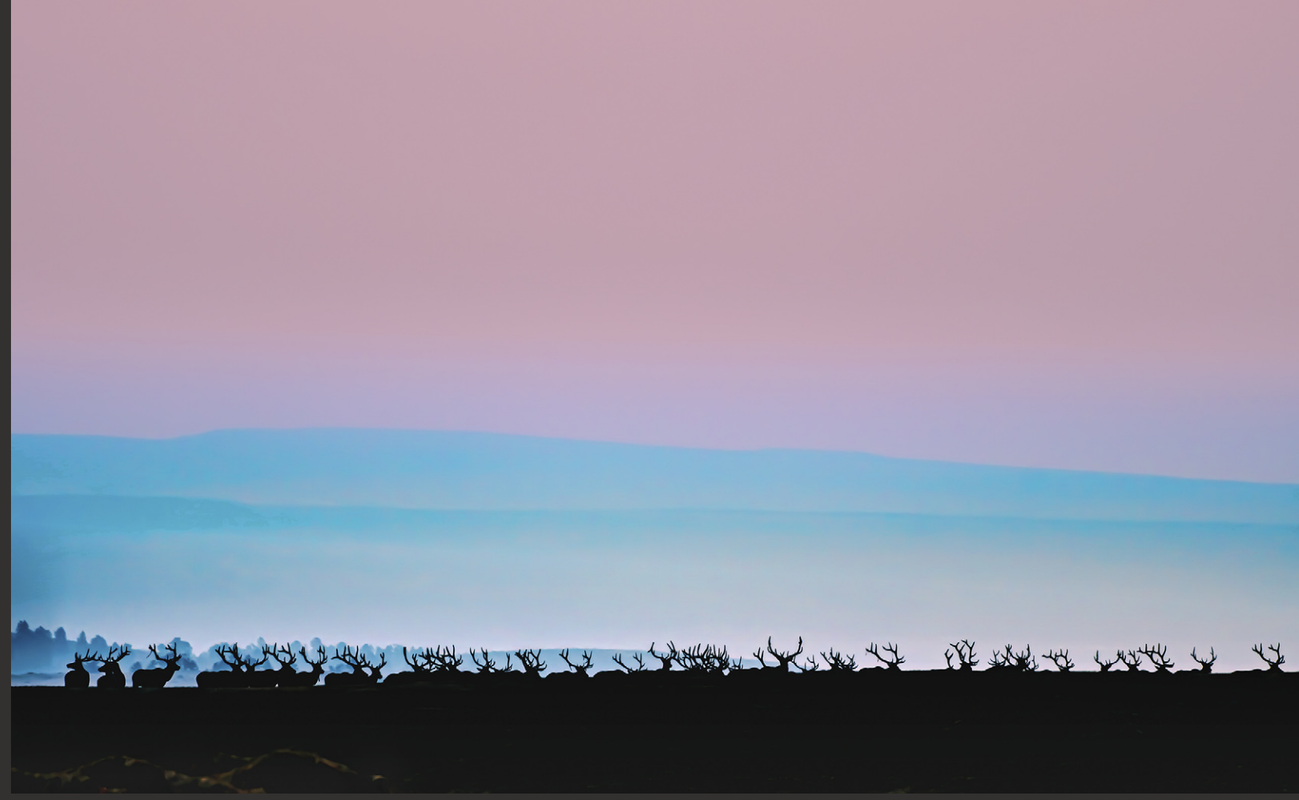
**LIZ MOORE**
*Opposite page:* Harebells at sunrise on MacDonald Pass, near Helena

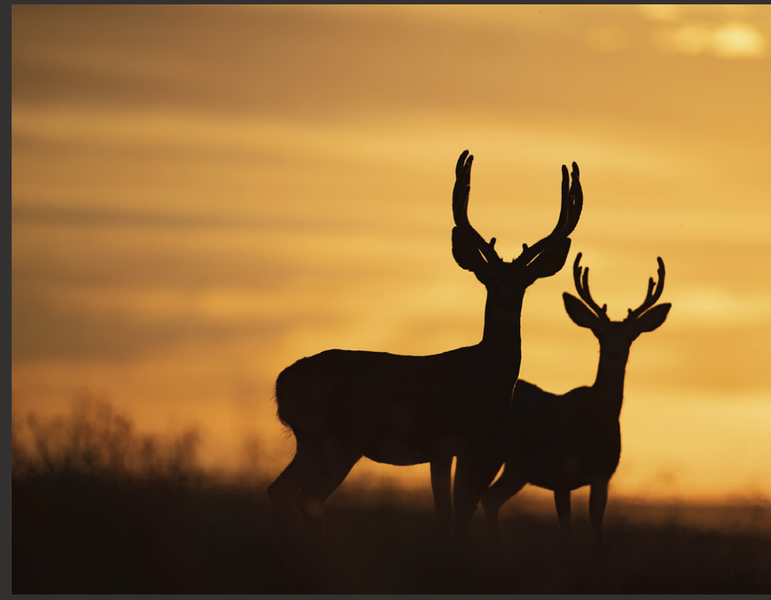
**PENNY HEGYI**
Sparring wild horses,
Pryor Mountains

**JOHN LAMBING**
Horse sculptures on a hillside
above valley fog, framed by
the Tobacco Root Mountains,
near Three Forks

**CANNON COLEGROVE**
*Right:* Sunrise over a prairie hunting camp, eastern Montana

**CADE DURAN**
*Below:* Glassing for mule deer at the foot of the Big Belt Mountains, near Townsend





**CHRIS AUCH**
*Left:* Mule deer buck in sage, Bitterroot Valley

**JAKE WILLSON**
*Above:* Mule deer bucks

**GARY BEELER**
*Top:* Massive herd of bull elk, near Red Lodge

*Clockwise from opposite page, top left:*

**ALAN B. SYKES**
Bog in rain, northwestern Montana

**MICHAEL McCANN**
Tiny stream near Woodbine Falls, near Nye

**JONATHAN DEWALD**
Cataract Falls, near Augusta

**LISA WRIGHT**
Red (pine) squirrel drinking from a mountain stream, near Lewistown

**STEVEN AKRE**
Funnel web spider in morning dew, near Greenough

**CRAIG BARFOOT**
Rocky Mountain tailed frog, Sanders County

**DEE LINNELL BLANK**
One-flowered broomrape and lance-leaved stonecrop, Salish Mountains

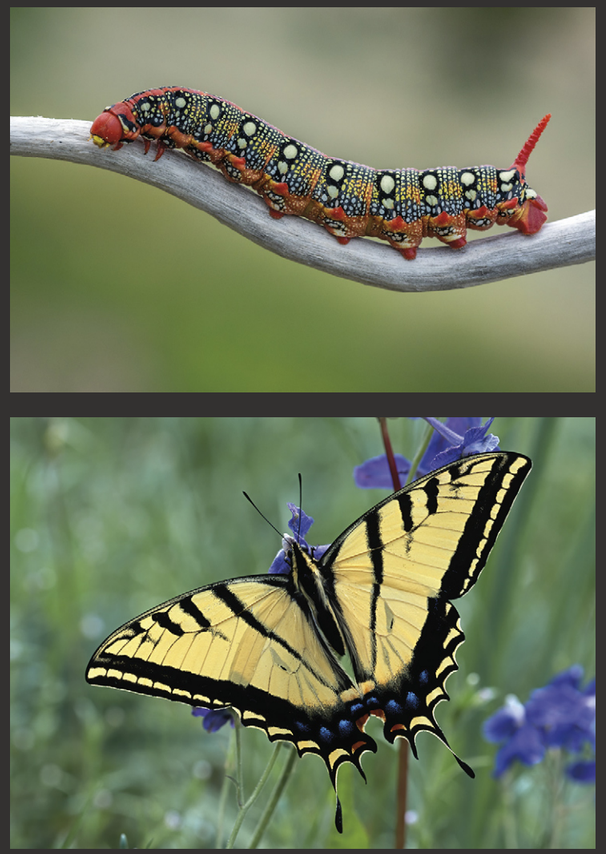
**CHRISTOPHER WAGNER**
Flowing water closeup, Giant Springs State Park

**MATT BERTELLOTTI**
*Right:* Young Canada lynx, northwestern Montana

**ZACH CLOTHIER**
*Below:* Canada lynx, Kootenai National Forest

**KALON BAUGHAN**
*Above:* Canada lynx photographed with a customized trail camera, Helena National Forest

**CORY DeSTEIN**
*Left:* Canada lynx, Flathead National Forest



**DAN ELLISON**
*Top left:* Weidemeyer's admiral butterfly, near Stemple Pass

**ELINOR EDMUNDS MILLER**
*Top right:* Columbia silkmoth, East Helena

**CHRISTOPHER LORD**
*Middle left:* Bumblebee covered in sunflower pollen

**JOHN FECTEAU**
*Middle right:* Leafy spurge hawkmoth caterpillar, near Intake

**DOMINICK SPERANZA**
*Bottom left:* Ranchman's tiger moth caterpillar, near Augusta

**PAUL LALLY**
*Bottom right:* Two-tailed swallowtail butterfly, Gallatin National Forest

**CHRIS McGOWAN**
Missouri River Breaks, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge

*Clockwise from right:*

**NICOLE KEINTZ**
Looking across Seeley Lake to the Bob Marshall Wilderness

**DONALD M. JONES**
Coyote, Flathead Valley

**KEVIN LEAGUE**
Sandhill crane pair, near Helena

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